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SUBJECT: IA-ECOSOC - FOREIGN MINISTER OF PARAGUAY INVITED
TO CHAIR ANNUAL REVIEW OF US

1. FOREIGN MINISTER SAPENA PASTOR HAS JUST INFORMED ME THAT HE RECEIVED ONLY LATE YESTERDAY JULY 18 A CABLE INVITING HIM TO PRESIDE OVER THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE IA-ECOSOC REVIEW OF THE US, SCHEDULED FOR JULY 22 IN WASHINGTON.

2. DR. SAPENA PASTOR SAID THAT UNFORTUNATELY HE WAS UNABLE TO ACCEPT THIS IMPORTANT INVITATION WHICH HE RECEIVED WITH ONLY ONE WORKING DAY'S NOTICE. SINCE THERE ARE ONLY TWO DIRECT AIR FLIGHTS TO THE US (THURSDAYS AND MONDAY), HE COULD ATTEND ONLY BY TRANSITTING AND/OR OVERNIGHTING EITHER IN BRAZIL OR ARGENTINA. FOR A VARIETY OF PROTOCOL REASONS THE FOREIGN MINISTER (AND, I SUSPECT, PRESIDENT STROESSNER) DOES NOT WISH TO IMPOSE ON EITHER OF PARAGUAY'S BIG-POWER NEIGHBORS. HE THEREFORE IS SENDING A TELEGRAM
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TODAY EXPRESSING HIS REGRETS.

3. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S
OBVIOUS DISAPPOINTMENT AT HAVING TO DECLINE THE
CHAIRING OF THE IA/ECOSOC MEETING OVER WHICH HE HAS
PRESIDED IN THE PAST, I WISH TO SUGGEST THE DEPT'S
EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF ENCOURAGING A POSTPONEMENT
OF THE US REVIEW TO PERMIT HIM TO ATTEND.
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